

**Hurricane Harvey Response 2017
Community Liaison (CL) Report**

TO: Janetta Coats

FROM: Phillip Ofosu

SUBJECT: Outreach Effort

COUNTY: Wharton

DATE: 9/17/2017

Due: Daily 4:00 pm (At the DRC FEMA is providing Wi-Fi)

SUMMARY:

I staffed the Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) to answer questions from residents. I handed out EPA publications to help residents recover from flooding. FEMA assisted with providing Wi-Fi. About 65 residents visited the DRC today.

Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation, Southern Region, based in Houston, Texas was at the City of Wharton Civic Center to hand out blankets, cleaning materials, rice and money to impacted residents of the City of Wharton. The Foundation travels to disaster areas (cities) to hand out needed goods.

The Mayor of the City of Wharton, Tim Barker was present at the event. I introduced myself to the Mayor and informed him that EPA is in Wharton County, and working with FEMA, State of Texas, Wharton County, City of Wharton, Schools, Churches, and organizations to provide information to residents affected by Hurricane Harvey on mold cleanup after disaster, managing debris separation and disposal, and how to protect families from mold exposure. I gave a copy of Homeowner's and Renter's Guide to Mold Cleanup After Disaster to the Mayor. The last picture is the Mayor of the City of Wharton.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

None

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Residents are concerned about how to safely clean their homes and property.

Attached are pictures showing the Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation event. The event ended at about 1:00 pm.

















